

An
ORDINANCE
OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT

For making the Covent-Garden Church
Parochiall.

And for dividing the same from the Parish of
Martins in the Fields, upon severall Articles
and Conditions.

Also for giving power to 34. persons who are
made Governours of the said Parish to asseſſe and
leavy Maneyes for the payment of two Ministers, and
for other Parochiall uses, and to nominate
Constables and all other Officers
of the said Parish.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and
Commons Assembled in Parliament, for
the making of the Precinct of *Covent-
Garden* Parochiall.



Whereas the right Honorable Francis, late Earle of Bedford deceased, did erect a Fabrique of a Church for the use of the Inhabitants within the Precinct of Covent-Garden, and did intend to settle a certaine yearly

Stipend of 100. l. per annum: And the House hereafter mentioned, to be in the tenure of William Russell, towards the maintenance, and for the habitation of a Minister, to officiate in the said Church; And whereas it is found necessary, for the better accommodation and Government of the Precinct hereafter mentioned, That the same be made Parochiall, and divided from the Parish of Saint Martins in the fields,

And that a further increase of maintenance may be provided for an able Minister, as is hereafter expressed. It is therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That all that Precinct included within the Bounds and Limits hereafter expressed, that is to say, beginning in the Strand, at the East end of the Messuage, called Bedford House, and including the said House, with all the out Houses, Gardens, Yards, Buildings, and Backsides thereunto belonging; And all those Houses within the narrow Bounds, that is to say, forty foot without the Brick Wall, And all Houses, Edifices, and Buildings, and Lands within the said Bounds and Precinct, be from henceforth for ever a distinct Parish of it self: And that the said Precinct be divided and exempted from the said Parish of Saint Martins, and from all Dependance, Offices, Charges, and Contributions, for, or in respect thereof, and from the cure of the Rector and Vicar of the Parish of Saint Martins, and their respective successors; And also discharged of all Tithes, Oblations, Obventions, Mortuaries, Easter Books, and all other Parochiall duties whatsoever. And it is further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That the said new erected Church, within the said Precinct of the said new intended Parish, shall be the Parish Church for the said Precinct: And that the Right Honourable William Earle of Bedford, Sonne and Heire of the said Francis, late

late Earle of Bedford, and his Heires and Assigns
 for ever, shall have the Patronage of the said
 Church; And shall and may from time to time
 nominate some fit person to be Rector of the said
 Church now, and as often as the same shall be-
 come void: And that the Rector of the said
 Church, and his Successors, shall be incorpo-
 rate, and shall have capacity and succession by
 the name of the Rector of the Parish Church of
 Covent-Garden, and shall have the cure of souls
 of the Inhabitants within the said new intend-
 ed Parish; and shall hold and enjoy all that
 house in Covent-Garden, late in the occupation of
 Maurice Obert, next adjoining to the Piazza, for
 and during all the tearme of twenty seven years,
 from the twenty five day of June, Anno 1644. sub-
 iect neberthelesse to the same yearly Rent, Con-
 ditions, Reservations, and Agreements, under
 which the same were demized to the said Mau-
 rice Obert, by the said Francis, late Earle of Bedford,
 and from and after the determination of that
 tearme, then all that House in Covent-Garden,
 aforesaid, late in the occupation of William Ruf-
 sel. And it is further Ordained, That the said
 Rector and his Successors, shall have one year-
 ly Rent of 100. l. to be issuing out of the severall
 Houses situate in Covent-Garden, aforesaid, late
 in the occupation of Sir Edm. Varney, Knight,
 Sir Charles Gawdy, Knight, and Sir Edward
 Sydenham, Knight, payable upon every six-
 teenth day of January, sixteenth day of Aprill, six-
 teenth

tenth day of July, and twentieth day of Octob.
 year. y by equal portions, with power to distrain
 for the same Rent of 100. l. or any part or parcell
 thereof, in or upon the said Houses; charged
 with the said Rent. And it is further Ordain-
 ed, That the Governours hereafter named, and
 their Successors, or the greater number of them,
 shall and may from time to time nominate some
 able Divine to be assistant to the said Rector,
 and his Successors; And the said Assistant and
 his Successors shall have for their habitation
 that Messuage in Covent Garden, late in the oc-
 cupation of Mathew Plowman, for and during
 the Sequestration thereof, subject to the yearly
 Rent, Conditions, Reservations, and Agree-
 ments, contained in the Demise thereof, made
 to the said Matthew Plowman, by the said Francis,
 late Earl of Bedford: And for the better regula-
 ting of the said affairs of the said Parish, and pro-
 vision of further maintenance for the said Re-
 ctor and Assistant, It is further Ordained,
 That there shall be thirty foure persons, Inha-
 bitants of the said Precinct, who shall be called
 the Governours of the said new erected Parish;
 And that the Right Honourable William, Earl
 of Bedford, Denzill Hollis, Esq; Sir William Uve-
 dale, Knight, Sir John Evelin, Knight, Sir John
 Seaton, Knight, Robert Wallop, Zouch Tate, John
 Trenchard, Robert Scawen, Matthew Hale, Anthony
 Wither, Edw. Carter, Will. Martin, James Davenport,
 and John Austee, Esquires, Minian Cunningham,
 John

John Hoyer, Thomas Constable, Richard Harris, Richard Brigham, Josias Fendall, Duncan Manto, Richard Recte, Samuel Smith, William Clifton, Richard Lazenby, Thomas Man, Humphrey Groves, Robert Pattison, Gilbert Meese, Peter Nichols, James Mickle, Christopher Jackson, and James Moore, Gentlemen, shalbe the first Governours of the said Precinct; And that as often as any of the said Governours shall die, or be removed, the House-holders, Inhabitants within the said new erected Parish, or the major part of them, within the space of two Moneths after such death, or remoball, and in default thereof, the remaining Governours, or the greater number of them, may choose another in the place of him or them dying, or removed: which said Governours and their Successors, or the greater number of such of them, as shalbe assembled together upon publique warning, shall from henceforth have power from time to time to nominate a Clerke, Sextons, Constables, Scabingers, & all other Officers for the said Precinct. And it is further Ordained, That the yearely sum of 400 li. shall from henceforth be charged upon the Inhabitants of the said new erected Parish, according to their respective abilities, except Bedford-House, with the appurtenances, the same to be Assessed by the said Governours, or the greater number of such of them, as shall be Assembled together upon publike notice, and paid unto them at such time or times, as to them shall seeme fit: Provided alwayes, That no Inhabitants

habitants be assessed by vertue of this Ordinance, or any thing therein contained, above the yearly rate of eightene pence in the pound, according to the true value of the yearly Rent of the House, wherein such Inhabitant shall dwell within the said Parish, at the time of making of this Assessment: which rate shall not be charged on the Rent of any Inhabitants, Person, or Landlord of any house, but shall be Assessed on the severall Inhabitants, according to their abilities, not exceeding the said Summe of eightene pence per pound, in proportion to their severall Rents, as aforesaid, for any one yeare, and so proportionable for a greater or lesser time. And it is further Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Summes be not paid in manner aforesaid, That then the said Governours, or any three of them, shall or may from time to time authorize any person or persons to Leavie the same by distresse, and sale of the goods of such person as shall be so in arreare, returning the overplus to the Owner, or else recover the same in Action of Debt, to be brought in the name of the Rector for the time being, wherein no Wager of Law to be allowed to the defendants. And it is further Ordained, That the said Governours and their Successors, shall out of the Monyes so by them received, pay unto the said Rector and his Successors, the yearly Summe of 150 pounds: To the said Assistant and his Successors, the yearly Summe of 150 pounds; the same payments to be made at the daies aforesaid,

said, or within twentie one dayes after; And that the said Governours, and their Successors, shall hold and enjoy the said house, late in the occupation of the said William Russell, during the Terme of the aforesaid twenty seven yeares, and shall convert and imploy, as well the profits of the said house, during the said Terme of twenty seven yeares, as also all other moneyes remaining in their hands, over and above the said three hundred pounds, for the wages of the said Church=Officers, and such other publique uses, as shall seeme fit to the said Governours, or the greater number of such of them, as upon a publique warning shall assemble together; so as the number so assembled, exceed the number of seven persons. And it is further Ordained, That in case any default of payment happen of any the Summes aforesaid, the Lord Keeper, or Commissioners of the great Seale for the time being, shall and may upon the complaint of the partie grieved in this behalfe, give reliefe, according to the true intent of this Ordinance; And for as much as there is severall demands made by the Parish of S. Martins, against the said new erected Parish, touching Contribution to the Debts, Poore, and High=wayes of the Parish of Saint Martins, and also there are severall demands made by the said new erected Parish, of contribution to the Debts of the said new erected Parish, and touching a proportionable part of the publique Revenues of the said Parish of Saint Martins, and what proportion each Precinct

should beare in publique Charges and Assesse-
 ments. It is therefore further Ordained by
 the Authority aforesaid, That the said new
 Parish of Covent-Garden shall pay one fifth
 part of the Publique Debts of the Parish
 of Saint Martins, the said Debts being au-
 dited, and then allowed by the Commis-
 sioners of the great Seale; and shall also pay
 one fifth part towards the mending of the
 High-ways of the Parish of Saint Martins;
 And shall also pay the Summe of one Hun-
 dred Seventene Pounds, One Shilling,
 foure pence farthing, halfe farthing, and
 the fifth part of an halfe farthing, Quar-
 terly to be paid unto the Parish of Saint Mar-
 tins, for the maintenance of their poore:
 which said Summe shall be paid by the
 Parish of Covent-Garden to the Parish of
 Saint Martins for ever. And the said Parish
 of Covent-Garden shall receive one fifth part
 of the Publique Revenue of the Parish of
 Saint Martins for ever, towards the payment
 aforesaid; And if the said Summes aforesaid
 shall not be paid, it shall be lawfull for the Parish
 of Saint Martins to Leave the aforesaid Rate
 for the poore, and the proportion for the High-
 ways, by all such lawfull meanes as they may
 doe in their owne Parish, by the Lawes and
 Statutes of this Realme: Provided, that for
 the neglect of their payment of the Rate of the
 Poore, the same shall not extend to the making
 lyable Bedford-House, to distresse for the same:
 Provided,

Provided alwayes , And it is neberthelesse Declared , That this present Ordinance , and the matters therein Ordained , shall be subject to such Regulation as the Lords and Commons in Parliament shall hereafter Ordaine.

John Browne,
Cler. Parl.

Hen. Elsyng, Cler.
Parl.Dom.Com.

Die Sabbati, 31. Jan. 1645.

WHereas in an Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, touching the making of the Precinct of *Covent-Garden* Parochiall , there is a Clause , touching Allowance to be made by the said Parish of *Covent-Garden* to the Poore of the Parish of *S. Martins* , in these words following, (That is to say) *And shall also pay the summe of one Hundred seventeene Pounds , one Shil-*

Shilling, foure Pence Farthing, halfe Farthing, and the fifth part of a halfe Farthing, Quarterly to be payd unto the Parish of S. Martins. for the maintenance of their Poore: Which said summe shall be payd by the Parish of Covent-Garden to the Parish of S. Martins for ever; As by the said Ordinance, amongst other things contained, it doth appeare.

For Explanation of the said Clause, it is hereby declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the true meaning of the said Clause was, and is, and shall be taken to be, that the yearely summe of one Hundred seventeene Pounds, one Shilling, foure Pence Farthing, halfe Farthing, and

and the fifth part of a halfe Far-
 thing, shall be every Yeare for
 ever payd by the said Parish of
Covent-Garden, to the said Parish
 of *S. Martins*, at foure Termes
 in the Yeare, viz. Vpon every five
 and twentieth day of *March*,
 foure and twentieth day of *June*,
 three and twentieth day of *Septem-*
ber, and three and twentieth day of
December, by equall Portions, for
 and towards the maintenance of
 the Poore of the said Parish of
S. Martins, and in full discharge
 of the said Parish of *Covent-Garden*
 from all further Contributions
 theréunto.

John Browne, Cler. Parliament.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the properties of the function $f(x)$ defined by the equation